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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. Copies of the references listed are also enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the references cited on the Form PTO/SB/08A and that the Examiner indicate that the references have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(c), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (i) before the mailing date of a final Office Action for the above-identified patent application; (ii) before the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance for the above-identified patent application; and (iii) before the mailing date of an action that otherwise closes

prosecution in the above-identified patent application. Accordingly, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e).

**STATEMENT**

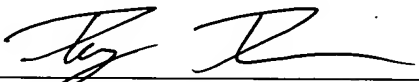
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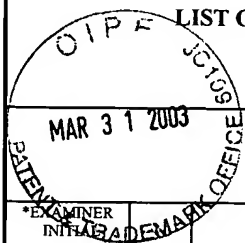
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